

June 24.

LIGHT RECEIPTS AT T WHARF.

SMALL QUANTITY OF HADDOCK
SOLD BELOW SPLITTING
PRICES.

Light receipts mark the closing day of the week at T wharf. Two of the southern netters are there, sch. Manomet with 1300 fresh mackerel and sch. Nettie with 400. Beside these are sch. Philip P. Manta, with a small fare of halibut and ground fish from the eastward, and sch. Good Luck from fresh drifting with a small fresh cod fare.

What few haddock there are in went for \$1 per hundred weight, which is less than splitting prices; large cod brought \$3.50 and halibut sold at 10 cents for white and 8 cents for gray.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Manomet, 1300 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Nettie, 400 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 8500 cod, 8000 cusk, 1200 pollock, 12,000 halibut.
Sch. Good Luck, 2500 haddock, 11,000 cod, 1200 hake.
Haddock, \$1 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50; market cod, \$2.75; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$1.50; halibut, 10c for white and 8c for gray.

AFTER NEWFOUNDLAND PLANTS

American Firms Seeking Fishing and Cold Storage Locations.

The St. John's, N. F., Chronicle has the following interesting bit of news regarding big firms from this and other ports looking for fish and cold storage locations on the Newfoundland Coast:

"Matters respecting American cold storage operations in this colony are now apparently starting with a rush. It appears that no fewer than three concerns have representatives here at the present moment.

"Cunningham & Thompson of Gloucester, who are the second largest fresh and salt fish dealers in New England, purchased largely on our South Coast last year, have agents on that seaboard at present looking for a location in home settlement within easy access for tributary localities, peopled by about 4000 humans, whose whole product this firm would buy and ship either in salt bulk or fresh and cold stored to the United States.

"Trefethen & Lord, of Portland, Me., who hold the special concession from the colony, which was ratified at the recent sessions of the legislature, have Mr. Lord, one of the partners, and Mr. Otlie, the latter representing a large syndicate of American capitalists with \$15,000,000 behind them, now at Bay of Islands, with Fisheries Minister Piccott, going into the whole question.

"Messrs. Steedman & Hawley, representing a New York concern, are also at Harbor Breton at present, arranging for the inauguration of a new fishery enterprise in that quarter the product to be exported being both salt and cold-stored fish.

"It is very evident from these facts that the new conditions now prevailing in America are causing the fishery interests of that country to look for new opportunities and that Newfoundland stands to prosper materially from this result."

Portland Fish Notes.

Yesterday the steamer Dolphin, Capt. Rice, arrived at Portland, Thursday from a seining trip out Old Orchard way and she had on board a hundred barrels of shad. These fish have been coming along slowly and many fares have been landed. But nothing like the big trip of Thursday had been brought in. The shad of the Dolphin were placed in the Portland Cold Storage Co.

Dogfish Plentiful in South Channel.

Capt. Edward Forbes of sch. Athena reports dogfish solid in South Channel. In one set these marauders of the fishing grounds walked off with six tubs of trawl.

Gone to Labrador for Codfish.

Sch. Margie Smith, which sailed from here yesterday, has gone on a salt codfishing trip to the far away coast of Labrador.

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FOUR ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

HERRING AND SHAD FLEET UN-
ABLE TO GET ANY FISH
YESTERDAY.

The herring and shad fleet did nothing yesterday but the skippers believe the fish will show again soon and are hopeful of more good catches.

The only arrivals here early this morning were sch. Harriett, with 40,000 pounds of fresh fish, from Boston, to split and sch. Pauline, from Georges handling, with a small trip of salt cod and 4000 pounds of halibut.

This morning two of the shore seiners made early hauls over in Ipswich Bay, steamer Bessie A. coming over with 40 barrels of herring and mixed in with them were 300 small mackerel, while steamer Herbert and Emma also came in with 25 barrels of herring and 1200 small mackerel. Today the weather is fine for fishing and more of the fleet are expected before dark.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita is down from Boston with 50,000 pounds of fresh fish for the splitters.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Harriett, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Pauline, Georges, handling, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 400 lbs. halibut.

Steamer Bessie A., Ipswich Bay, 40 bbls. fresh herring, 300 small fresh mackerel.

Steamer Herbert and Emma, Ipswich Bay, 25 bbls. fresh herring, 1200 small fresh mackerel.

Sch. Regina, via Boston.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Grace Otis, seining.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, seining.

Sch. Patrician, seining.

Sch. Corona, halibuting.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, salt drifting.

Sch. Eugenia, salt drifting.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Squanto, Boston.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, shacking.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., shack-

ing.

Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, swordfishing.

Sch. Emerald, deck handling.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.37½, medium \$4.37½, snappers \$3.

Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.62½, medium \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½, medium \$3.62½.

Haddock, \$2.00.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.

Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.20 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$1.

Dressed pollock, 90 cts., round, 80 cts.

Bank halibut, 7½c per lb., for white, and 5c for gray.

Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.

Cape North cod, \$2.30 for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

CREW HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Topmast of Sch. Frances P. Mesquita Fell Without Warning.

Several of the crew of sch. Frances P. Mesquita had a narrow escape from serious injury and perhaps death last Tuesday, when without the slightest warning the maintopmast snapped off and came crashing to the deck, landing fair at their feet.

The accident happened off Cape Sable during a heavy southeaster. There was quite a sea running, and the craft had just dipped into one when a cracking sound was heard and almost before one could look aloft, a 10-foot section of the topmast was lying at the feet of a little knot of the crew, who did not realize their danger until it was over.

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LULL IN THE MACKEREL SITUATION.

Small Fish Mixed With Herring in Ipswich Bay.

No mackerel arrivals are reported at Newport this morning and there were no seiners at Boston when the T wharf bell rang. At the latter place were two netters with 1700 fish between them.

It is drawing near the time when the mackerel seem to disappear for a spell and go to the bottom and then reappear later on Georges. This condition is what some of the skippers are now looking forward to, but they say if the fish will only go to Georges instead of to the Rips, that it will be all right. Around the Fourth of July is always a slack spell with the mackerel seiners and they are expecting the same condition of affairs this season.

Mackerel in Boston and Ipswich Bay.

There are mackerel in Boston Bay and in Ipswich Bay also. For several days the traps up along Magnolia and farther to the westward have been taking a few small mackerel, and on Thursday steamer Florence and Mildred, which made two trips over in Ipswich bay and got herring hauls, found no less than 1500 small mackerel mixed in with the other fish.

This morning two of the herring fleet came over from Ipswich bay with herring catches, one having also 300 small mackerel and the other 1200 of these fine little fish, which go about a pound apiece. The shore fishermen think this a very encouraging sign and are looking forward to a good season. It is probable that other lots of small mackerel will arrive here in the herring boats before night.

Sale of Cape Shore Salt Mackerel.

The fare of Cape Shore salt mack-

erel of sch. Valerie sold to Cunningham & Thompson Company at \$13 per barrel.

Southern Netters Come Home.

A large number of the southern netters have arrived home here the past few days. The men say that they would have had a much longer season out that way and would have made a lot more money before coming home, had it not been for the unusual horde of sharks which fairly ate their nets up, and also for the big body of porgies which would strike the nets, fill them and take them to the bottom.

The men figure that sch. Massasoit, Capt. Frank Nolan, is high line on share and seem to think that this craft may also be high on stock although some are of the opinion that Capt. Brewton in the Tecumseh has a good claim to the latter honor.

Mackerel at This Port.

Steamer Bessie A., 300 small fresh mackerel.

Steamer Herbert and Emma, 1200 small fresh mackerel.

Netters at Boston.

Sch. Manomet, 1300 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Nettie, 400 large fresh mackerel.

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Fitting Out for Swordfish.

About all the southern mackerel netters which have arrived home the past few days, will now turn their attention to swordfishing and the indications are that the "pulpit" fleet this years will be larger than ever.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Margaret sailed from Canso, N. S., Wednesday.

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FISHERIES OF MAINE.

FURNISHES EMPLOYMENT DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY TO
50,000 PEOPLE.

Fifty thousand people are dependent upon the fishing industry as carried on along the coast of Maine, says the Portland Press.

To be sure there are not that number of people actually engaged in the business, but the people who depend upon the business for their livelihood number fully that. Fishing is the one industry that is common to every point on the coast. No matter how large or small the settlement whether it is a full fledged city or a mere hamlet, there will be found fishing boats. Perhaps the place is so small that there is but one family and yet, the father and the son will have their fishing boats. From some of the places there are regular fleets that sail forth to take the food from the ocean.

Cape Porpoise is an extremely small settlement, yet it boasts one of the finest fishing fleets on the whole New England coast. From Portland there are many vessels that sail and so along the whole coast, past Boothbay, Rockland and Vinalhaven until one reaches the very border at Eastport and the neighboring places.

Then, too, there are hundreds of men who are engaged in the fishing business who never venture out in a large craft. They are the small lobstermen who have dories or hampton boats, the tenders of weirs and traps, the business of which requires no deep water sailing.

Hardy and generally contented are the fishermen of Maine. They have their hardships. Sometimes there will be a "spell" of weather lasting for days at a time when no fish can be caught. Then there will come a fair spell, the boats are out and when they return with their fares a big sum is sure to be netted. Lobstermen there are on the coast of Maine, who, working but nine months in the year, earn from \$1200 to \$2500. Fishermen who

alternately use small hampton motor-boats and traps will average a hundred dollars a month and better the year around. The majority of the men who follow fishing own their own craft and their homes; this, if nothing else, must show that it is a profitable industry.

Commissioner Donahue in speaking of the fisheries in general says in his last report:

"Up to a comparatively recent date, it was the general idea that the fisheries were inexhaustible, and laws regulating them were looked upon by the fishermen as restrictive and burdensome. At the present time, however, it has been shown beyond a doubt, that the fisheries, like every other industry, requires care and attention in order that it may be preserved. I believe that today, all interested acknowledge and believe that enforcement of laws is necessary and that it is the proper way to handle the situation."

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AIN'T IT AWFUL!

Sea Serpent Delighting Light Keepers and Scaring Fishermen.

A Portsmouth dispatch says: Keepers at Boone Island light, off the York Beach coast, are giving much of their spare time watching a sea serpent. They claim that the sea reptile measures 200 feet, has a hump on his back and a head like a snake.

"The keepers watched him swim and say for a half a mile or more the hump sticks clear above the surface of the water. With his long sinewy tail he causes a wake and rush of water and turns over small fish which makes it easy for him to gobble up."

"Fishermen off the coast have also seen the ugly looking marine animal and will not venture to fish in that locality."